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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Undertone was generally steady with majority prices in the major terminal markets unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Retail demand for the week-end improved and was generally reported as light to moderate. Food service was light to moderate with fast food outlets reported as fairly active. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with values on wogs reported at slightly higher levels. In the parts structure, movement was fair with best interest still on dark meat items and in some locations wings. Bone-in breast were at least adequate. Boneless skinless breasts were in balance to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were irregular, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 31-JUL-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	60.00-63.00	47.00-70.00	61.56	27
New York	63.00-66.00			
Los Angeles	77.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	68.00-70.00	49.00-79.00	69.51	93

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 70.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
955	66.48-72.00	69.70
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	155.00	1,185
BREASTS - B/S	142.50	5,497
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.00	1,266
THIGH MEAT - B/S	84.00	1,065
LEG QUARTERS	39.00	8,372
WINGS	84.00	2,727

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand for late week business improved over midweek, but was still only moderate. Supplies were mostly in balance to occasionally available. In the parts structure, movement was only moderately active. Wings were in fair balanced, dark meat items were usually in good balance and clearing. Most breast items were at least adequate, although boneless skinless breast remains in the longest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was no better than fair entering the weekend as dealers were content to limited orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were fully sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, dark meat cuts and wings were clearing satisfactorily. Breast items were adequate to fully adequate.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Light early trading reported and at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were adequate to ample. Buying activity was disappointing but expected to improve. Retailer demand was moderate overall. Dealers anticipated moderate to instances heavier than desired weekend carryovers.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Majority prices for next week's trade into the Chicago area were trending unchanged from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was mostly steady, instances barely steady. Limited trade call reported on moderate offerings; fill-in on 3 up wogs noted at 46 cents into the Ohio market. Retail demand was slow to fairly good as pipelines began to fill for first of the month business. Food service movement was moderate to good, best pull was into fast food and delicatessens. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights desirable. Supplies of boneless/skinless breasts were available, wings mixed and dark meat cuts in close balance to tight. The market tone was mostly steady on all parts with boneless/skinless breasts barely steady.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly entering the weekend, but was generally noted as no better than fair with limited interest beyond standing commitments. Seller offerings were fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 64 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, offerings were adequate to fully adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	55-82
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	07/24/06 - 07/28/06 (A)
	07/25/05 - 07/29/05 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	07/24/06 - 07/28/06 (A)
	07/25/05 - 07/29/05 (A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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	POUNDS			WTD	POUNDS				WEEKLY		
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	660	110.00-175.00	-	121.98	740	108.00-174.00	-	121.41	3,680	121.96	
TENDERLOINS	133	120.00-168.00	-	123.90	293	115.00-178.00	117-120	119.72	1,065	123.13	
BREAST - LINE RUN	91	70.00-76.00	72-75	74.29	110	66.00-76.00	-	70.00	474	72.57	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				325	64.46	
LEGS	210	42.00-56.00	43-45	44.30	163	44.00-58.00	46	46.44	977	43.95	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	585	34.00-38.00	36	35.95	640	33.00-38.00	36	35.88	2,980	35.89	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,211	35.00-40.00	37-38	37.44	1,292	35.00-41.00	37-38	37.43	6,081	37.43	
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	80.00-86.00	82-85	83.83	321	79.00-86.00	81-84	83.45	1,445	82.73	
WINGS (CUT)	285	100.00-106.00	102-104	102.98	250	100.00-106.00	102-104	102.84	1,375	102.95	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				284	41.32	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				200	37.20	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				395	82.25	
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						
TRADING FOR JUL 27, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR JUL 28, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.						

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
48.00 - 53.00	50.48	48.00 - 53.00	50.78	50.22

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying interest was generally no better than fair entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items were more than sufficient for current trade needs. Leg cuts and wings were clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was steady to at least steady for wings and most dark meat cuts; steady to barely steady for breast items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**		TRADING*	AVG**			VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	124.22	744,520	130	125.93	527,600	124.74	3,059,860
TENDERLOINS	120-125	119.75	225,780	120-125	117.66	182,660	117.72	1,039,974
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	82.25	110,440	76-77	87.75	75,960	84.72	387,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	76.67	81,000	76	76.95	79,200	76.63	425,840
LEGS	48-49	45.95	103,800	48-49	48.11	127,160	46.14	746,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	39.18	279,000	38-39	39.35	214,480	38.64	1,257,463
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	41.75	98,200	37-38	40.17	74,320	40.86	530,170
THIGHS	28-29	40.93	59,000	28-29	39.15	83,800	40.96	333,000
B/S THIGHS	83-84	84.26	113,920	83-84	83.59	98,240	84.31	544,850
WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91	88.45	237,240	90-91	85.91	190,800	86.45	1,026,780
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.83	22,800	10-12	11.72	18,800	11.45	92,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	25.62	13,800	30-35	26.25	9,360	26.28	58,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	55.20	15,760	50-55	56.00	17,560	54.98	88,960

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG
	07/28	07/27	07/26	07/25	07/26	07/25	07/21	07/19	WTS
Alabama	4,047	4,199	3,957	4,058	5.21	5.26	4,027	5.22	
Arkansas	5,186	5,163	5,242	5,261	5.15	5.09	5,165	5.08	
Delmarva	2,176	2,231	2,256	2,559	5.63	5.70	2,339	5.57	
KY-LA-TN	1,969	2,104	2,112	2,038	4.96	5.25	2,221	4.90	
Mississippi	3,170	2,848	2,781	2,830	5.76	5.76	3,773	5.68	
North Carolina	2,940	2,633	2,611	2,526	6.72	6.22	2,618	6.61	
Texas	2,521	2,497	2,498	2,516	5.30	5.28	2,527	5.14	
Total	22,009	21,675	21,457	21,444	5.48	5.44	22,670	5.40	
Mon-Fri	109,031(A)						108,235(A)		
Saturday	1,054	(included in total for date shown)					1,500		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Jul-06 and 29-Jul-06 is estimated to be 32,928,000 head down 3.21 percent from a week ago and down -7.20 percent from a year ago. (Last week 34,019,000, last year 35,483,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 29-Jul-06 is estimated to be 161,896,000 head down 0.58 percent from a week ago, and down 4.12 percent from a year ago. (Last week 162,843,000, last year 168,852,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 89-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-114
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 100
DUCKS	ICE PACK 111-118
	ICE PACK 88-102
	ICE PACK 102-109
	ICE PACK 185-190

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 15-Jul-06 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs. & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs.	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs. & Up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	23,067	21,533	54,069
Avg Weight	3.85	4.75	6.40
% of total /1	23%	22%	55%

Comparisons

Last week	28,194	19,580	44,247
Avg Weight	3.79	4.78	6.63
% of total /1	31%	21%	48%
Same week, yr ago /2	28,004	27,462	49,111
Avg Weight	3.78	4.74	6.41
% of total /1	27%	26%	47%

To date/2006	751,502	547,407	1,494,619
To date/2005	771,071	622,168	1,365,524

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 22-JUL-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	162,843	1,083	1,460	2,543	487
Avg Wt	5.29	3.33	8.09	6.06	6.43
Last week	160,498	1,180	1,554	2,734	475
Same wk yr ago	170,006	1,442	1,558	3,000	501
Avg Wt	5.15	3.35	8.00	5.76	6.61
To-date/2006	4,664,778	32,887	42,502	75,389	14,717
To-date/2005	4,641,616	44,579	40,270	84,849	14,382

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.8 million head, or .7 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
June 17	165.7	166.0	100%	5.31
24	169.0	164.5	103%	5.30
July 1	170.6	162.5	105%	5.24
8	141.1	162.3	87%	5.37
15	162.4	163.7	99%	5.34
22	164.8	164.1	100%	5.29
Year to date	4721.4	4589.1	103%	
July 29		164.0		
August 5		163.8		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	07/29/06	07/22/06	% CHG	07/30/05	% CHG
Broilers	161,896	162,843*	-0.58	168,852*	-4.12
Cattle	669	657	+02	637*	+05
Hogs	1,906	1,962	-03	1,854*	+03

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 24-JUL-2006

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	151-155	157-161

MIDWEST MOSTLY	132-142	133-143
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ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56.00-64.25	60.00-63.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-86.25	72.00-75.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	62.64 - 85.05
14 OZ.	69.12 - 96.39
16 OZ.	74.88 - 106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT & WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good, better than expected in some cases. Supplies were in balance. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.65-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.65-1.00.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 24-JUL-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	129-146	130-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - July 25, 2006

****AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY****

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.80 - 1.00
Doves	- 2.00ea.
Pekin Ducks	- 3.50ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.50 - .70
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .80
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	- .80
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 3.50ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	- .10
Silkie	- 2.50ea.
Pigeons	- 2.50ea.
White Pigeons	- 3.50ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.50 - 1.00
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.80 - 1.20
Bunnies	.50 - 2.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	2.00 - 3.50ea.
Goats	50.00 - 80.00ea.
Kid Goats	35.00 - 50.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.80 - 1.00

Total Coops Sold 448

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading on heavy cannery was too few to report; unchanged on the lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings ranged adequate to available for the generally light and unaggressive buyer interest; with most available supplies of heavy cannery being used internally. Demand was light to fair at best. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
18-26 MAJORITY 22-24	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
19-28 MAJORITY 24-25	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair. Offerings of spent hens were at least adequate to readily available for current needs. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-12	8-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Disposal costs were too few to report. Demand was slow for fully adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were light. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings fully adequate to mostly ample. Schedules varied. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-10.5	8-10

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings lighter.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-JUL-06

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Sales were too few to report. Demand was light to no better than fair and generally unaggressive for the fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was fair at best. The undertone was barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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